

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Edward Henry CROSS et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents February 21, 2002
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks
are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-
identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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--6. (amended) A spring filter element as claimed
in claim 1, further including a substantial closure extending
across the filter element at/or adjacent one end thereof
responsive to backwash flow conditions for extending the
filter element.--

A²
--9. (amended) A filter assembly including a filter
element as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filter element

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